(b) the rules that are invoked in setting up such building premises either in the vicinity of residential areas or on open lands where there has been public amusements of communities celebrations;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of the cantonment authorities have been allowed to violate these provisions by Government's sanction in some cases;

(d) whether Government now propose to review its stand in view of some public litigations filed in different courts of law; and

(e) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) As per existing land policy there is no provision for allotment of Defence land for locating offices of Trade Union Organisations in Cantonment. Requests for allotment of Defence land for such purpose are decided by the Government on merits of the case. The building plans on such lands granted on lease by Government are sanctioned by the Cantonment Board strictly in accordance with the building bye laws of that Cantonment.

(c) to (e) As a special dispensation, Government have granted lease of defence lands on payment of annual rent and premium to Indian National Defence Workers Federation in Kanpur Cantonment for Federation buildings and to All India Defence Employees Federation in Kirkee Cantonment for meeting hall and library.

A petition has been filed in the court of Civil Judge seeking relief against the Indian National Defence Workers Federation by way of injunctions for refraining the federation from carrying out digging and putting up any construction on the land leased to them. The Court, however, did not grant any stay and passed orders for maintaining status quo. In the circumstances cause of review by the Government does not arise.

Swasthya Melas

2358. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are providing any financial assistance for the organisation of Swasthya Melas at block and taluka level to improve the credibility of the health care delivery system and to promote the small family norm;

(b) if so, the total assistance provided to Orissa during 1995-96 for the purpose;

(c) the block/taluka covered in the State during the above pariod under the scheme;

(d) the achievements made in each block; and

(e) the amount allocated for 1996-97 for Orissa for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Financial assistance was being provided for organising Swasthya Melas at two levels :

(i) to State Governments

(ii) to the NGOs.

(b) (i) Rs. 31,00,000/- to the State Government;

(ii) Rs. 2,80,730/- to NGO

(c) and (d) Besides the one Swasthya Mela organised by one Non-Governmental Organisation in Orissa. the State Government of Orissa was released an amount of Rs. 31,00,000/- for organising Swasthya Mela in 1000 Gram Panchayats with the objective to bring about full scale utilisation of the under utilised health services and bring health services nearer to the people.

At the Melas, awareness about the health among the population has been increased and necessary curative treatment has been provided at the site of Swasthya Melas.

(e) No specific amount is being allocated to any State under the scheme.

Deaths of Children in Tribal Areas

2359. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1301 on December 12, 1996 and state :

(a) whether the information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereupon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c) The matter of the question No. 1301 dated 2.12.96 has been interalia referred to State/UT Governments having areas inhabited predominantly by tribal population. The responses are awaited.

[Translation]

Hospital Lying Closed in Allahabad District

2360. DR. AMRIT LAL BHARTI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that a general hospital in 1974 and a women hospital were opened in 1984 at village Vainskanto in Maujhanpur